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# THE GRAPES OF WRATH

***The Grapes of Wrath*** is a novel written by John Steinbeck in 1939. It is the story of an Oklahoma family, the Joads, *who* are forced off of their land by two devastating events – one economic and one environmental. The Dust Bowl, which effected numerous mid-western states, dried up the land in Oklahoma, wrecking once fertile farmland. This, coupled with the onset of the Great Depression, forced many farmers to move on. The story you will witness is of one family’s emigration from the Great Plains. But the story is representative of thousands of other families who lost everything during the Great Depression.

In this movie version of ***The Grapes of Wrath***, Henry Fonda stars as Tom Joad. The film was wildly popular when it originally came out in 1940, and the American Film Institute still considers it one of the ten best American films ever produced.

During the film follow the plot carefully and consider some of the issues brought up – the treatment of the ‘Okies,’ the connections between farming families and the land they work, the fear of communism and socialism during the Depression era, and the strength of working families. Answer the following questions during the course of the filmstrip.

**\_\_\_\_\_1. What crime did Tom Joad commit before being put in jail?**

1. He had robbed a bank in Omaha, Nebraska.
2. He had taken money from a church in Ames, Iowa.
3. He had killed a man in a bar fight in Oklahoma.
4. He was convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol.

**\_\_\_\_\_2. As Tom Joad and Casy “The Preacher” arrived at the Joad family home, what weather event struck?**

1. thunderstorm
2. tornado
3. dust storm
4. blizzard

**\_\_\_\_\_3. When the banks and agri-businesses forced sharecroppers off the land, what replaced these workers?**

1. “Caterpillar Tractors”
2. slave labor
3. Mexican-American laborers
4. Chinese-American laborers

**\_\_\_\_\_4. Where did the Joad family plan on going to find work?**

1. Texas cattle ranches
2. Eastern factory jobs
3. A farm in Idaho
4. California fruit orchards

**\_\_\_\_\_5. What type of work did the Joads expect to find there?**

1. government jobs
2. peach picking
3. longshoremen positions
4. sharecropping

**\_\_\_\_\_6. How many family members and friends piled into the truck once the family finally had all their belongings loaded onboard?**

1. 6
2. 10
3. 11
4. 12

**\_\_\_\_\_7. How did the Joads finally convince Grandpa to get in the truck when he refused to leave “his land”?**

1. They scared him into climbing aboard.
2. They tied him up and threw him in the back.
3. They negotiated with him and convinced him to drive.
4. They got him drunk on “medicine” and threw him in the back.

**\_\_\_\_\_8. What famous western road did the Joad family follow as they left Oklahoma?**

1. Route 66 West
2. Route 58 West
3. Interstate 81 South
4. Interstate 40 West

**\_\_\_\_\_9. What member of the Joad family passed away while they were leaving Oklahoma?**

1. Grandma
2. Tom Joad
3. Grandpa
4. Ma Joad

**\_\_\_\_\_10. What does the stranger at the campground say happened to his children while he was in California?**

1. They had to work 12 hours a day picking fruit.
2. They ran away because they hated working in the orchards.
3. His wife and children divorced and left him.
4. They starved to death because he found no work.

**\_\_\_\_\_11. When the Joads stopped for gas while driving through New Mexico, how much money did they pay for a loaf of bread?**

1. $1.89
2. $1.29
3. $.10
4. $.15

**\_\_\_\_\_12. What did the originally rude waitress do for the Joad children before they left?**

1. She gave them each a piece of lemon meringue pie.
2. She gave them each a free soda.
3. She sold them $.10 worth of candy for just a penny.
4. She washed their faces with a cool washcloth.

**\_\_\_\_\_13. As the Joads crossed the Colorado River, what state did they enter?**

1. Nevada
2. Arizona
3. California
4. Arkansas

**\_\_\_\_\_14. Having crossed over the river and filled the old truck with gasoline, what type of terrain did the Joads have to cross over next?**

1. Mountains
2. Desert
3. Urban traffic congestion
4. They had to cross three (3) more rivers.

**\_\_\_\_\_15. When the California Authorities stopped the Joad family along the interstate highway, what did they intend to search the vehicle for?**

1. guns and other weapons
2. illegal immigrants from Mexico
3. drugs and drug paraphernalia
4. fresh fruits and vegetables

**\_\_\_\_\_16. Where did Grandma pass away, after a long period of illness?**

1. Los Angeles, CA
2. Las Vegas, NV
3. San Francisco, CA
4. Barstow, CA

**\_\_\_\_\_17. At the transient camp outside of Barstow, CA, why did the children gather around the Joads’ tent?**

1. They were trying to steal the Joads’ money.
2. They wanted to introduce themselves to the Joads’ children.
3. They had a welcoming gift for the family.
4. They were begging for food.

**\_\_\_\_\_18. When a member of the transient camp questioned a contractor about the wages being paid for the job he was offering, what did the police do to the man?**

1. They accused him of being a “red agitator,” or Communist.
2. They physically assaulted him.
3. They tried to shoot him, but missed and killed a bystander.
4. All of the Above

**\_\_\_\_\_19. Where did the Joad family finally find work in California?**

1. Barstow
2. Berkeley
3. San Francisco
4. Keene Ranch

**\_\_\_\_\_20. What work did the Joads sign on to do at their new job?**

1. They would be herding cattle.
2. They would be digging irrigation ditches.
3. They would be picking fruit.
4. They would be cultivating the cotton fields.

**\_\_\_\_\_21. How much would the “Okies” be paid for each box of un-bruised fruit that they picked?**

1. $.25
2. $1.00
3. $.10
4. $.05

**\_\_\_\_\_22. When Tom accidentally visits Casy and the other “on strike” workers down by the river off the ranch, what do they suggest he do?**

1. They tell him to keep working hard on the Keene Ranch.
2. They tell him to run away from the area quickly; he’s in danger.
3. They ask him to help organize the workers for a strike.
4. They suggest that he should ask for a promotion.

**\_\_\_\_\_23. When security guards discover the group of “on strike” workers, what happens to Casy?**

1. He trips and falls down in the river and almost drowns.
2. His leg is broken in an altercation with the guard.
3. He is killed by one of the security guards.
4. He is arrested and put in jail for vagrancy.

**\_\_\_\_\_24. When Tom Joad gets into trouble for the role he plays in the fight with the security guards, what does the family decide to do?**

1. The force him to go back to Oklahoma.
2. They kick him out of housing unit #63 and he lives off the land.
3. They left him in California and went back to Oklahoma.
4. The entire family decided to leave the farm together.

**\_\_\_\_\_25. Who runs the camp where the Joads end up staying next?**

1. The Socialist Party of California
2. Reginald Smith
3. The Department of Agriculture
4. The Civilian Conservation Corps

**\_\_\_\_\_26. What bathroom devices did the Joad children see for the first time at the camp in California?**

1. sink
2. showers
3. toilet
4. all of the above

**\_\_\_\_\_27. Why did the police officers try to start a riot on the grounds of the government camp in California?**

1. So they could enter the campground without a warrant.
2. Because migrant workers were not welcome in California.
3. The officers wanted to arrest possible “Reds.”
4. All of the Above.

**\_\_\_\_\_28. Why did Tom Joad end up leaving the camp?**

1. He really *had* broken out of jail in Oklahoma!!!
2. He had killed a man in the river at Keene Ranch and was wanted.
3. He couldn’t stand living with his mother anymore.
4. He got into another fight, this time with the supervisor.

**\_\_\_\_\_29. At the end of the film, where are the Joads heading?**

1. The family decided to go back to Oklahoma.
2. They decide to move to New York City and work in factories.
3. They are going to work in another orchard, picking.
4. They are leaving the United States and relocating to Mexico.

**\_\_\_\_\_30. What author wrote the novel *The Grapes of Wrath*?**

1. Upton Sinclair
2. Ernest Hemingway
3. Sinclair Lewis
4. John Steinbeck